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NEW YORK CITY.
TWELVE BLOCKS FROM GRAND GARDEN ARENA.
GOTTA BE HONEST, SPIDEY...
YOU'RE GETTING TIRED OF THE *GOTHY GOOP*?
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU.

VENOM WAR

SPIDER-MAN #2

EDDIE BROCK and his son, **DYLAN**, are at war for control of the **VENOM SYMBIOTE!** While they and their allies battled, the symbiote, believing no good ever came from bonding to hosts, slunk off to die alone in the last place anyone would ever think to find it--in the **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN**'s closet. Peter Parker, the symbiote's first host, had long since rejected the creature--but Pete reminded Venom of their shared responsibility to help end the conflict and they joined forces. Spidey is back in black!

En route to the battle, Spidey was waylaid by an army of **HOBGOBLINS** until Mary Jane, A.K.A. **JACKPOT,** arrived to help turn the tide. But the **VENOM WAR** has awoken an ancient symbiotic threat--the terrifying, primordial **ARACHNIOTE.** And this mega-klyntar has its tentacles set on Spidey, MJ and all of NYC!

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THE *ARACHNIOTE.* PETER...THERE IS NO FIGHTING IT. THIS IS VERY, *VERY* BAD.

THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY, VENOM. BUT THERE'S NOT A GONG IN THE BIG APPLE BIG ENOUGH TO RING *THAT* MONSTER'S BELL.

WHEN IT COMES TO USEFUL POWERS, NEVER SAY NEVER. PAUL, YOU READ?

RIGHT HERE, JACKPOT.

PAUL?! WHO IS THIS... PAUL?

THE VERY NICE AND DEDICATED NEW BOYFRIEND. INVENTOR OF THE TECH THAT GIVES MJ HER JUICE.

EVEN I KNOW THAT WAS POORLY STATED.

YEAH, OKAY, GIMME A BREAK. I'M SAVING THE PLANET.

BABY, I NEED *SONICS. THE WINDOW-BREAKING KIND.* YOU GOT ODDS ON THE GAUNTLET ROLLING THOSE UP?

THE LIMITER I INSTALLED LAST MONTH MAKES THEM *MORE* LIKELY, BUT IT'S STILL A CRAPSHOOT. THE GAUNTLET CAN'T TARGET A POWER SPECIFICALLY, BUT LET ME SEE IF I CAN'T SHAKE THE SLOT MACHINE.

WE'LL START BY ISOLATING FREQUENCY-BASED POWER SETS. MIGHT TAKE A FEW SPINS, BUT YOU'RE GO FOR SWITCH IN THREE, TWO, ONE...

NEW POWER SET ONLINE--LET'S HOPE THIS DOES THE TRICK!

DING

DING

DING

SPIDER-MAN?

THWIP

THWIP

--CATCH AND RELEASE, ALREADY AHEAD OF YOU!

LIGHT?! PAUL, WE'VE GOT PHOTONS!

CRAP. GIVE IT A SECOND TO RECHARGE AND TRY AGAIN!

THIS PAUL HAS FAILED YOU! NO MERE LIGHT CAN PIERCE THE DARK HEART OF THE ARACHNIOTE!

I ABSOLUTELY CANNOT WITH YOU, OIL SLICK. PRETTY SURE THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT ANYWAY--SO FOCUS ON YOUR JOB, AND I'LL FOCUS ON MINE.

BESIDES, PHOTONS ARE JUST LIGHT WAVES...

...UNTIL THEY GET IRRITATED ENOUGH.

SPIDEY, GET ME CLOSER!

THERE ARE CIVILIANS STUCK IN THAT THING, EVEN IF THEY'RE DRESSED LIKE HOBGOBLINS! I'LL SHOOT 'EM LOOSE AND YOU GET 'EM CLEAR!

WAY AHEAD OF YOU MJ--ACKPOT!

BRAZOW!!!

BAM! THAT'S ONE!

JACKPOT, YOU'RE GO FOR POWER RESPIN!

DING DING DING

BIG MONEY, NO WHAMMIES!

OKAY, LOOKS LIKE I CAN...

...SEE INTO THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM?!

KA-THOOK

WHY IS THIS EVEN AN OPTION?!

PAP!

YOU ARE THINKING WITH YOUR *HEART,* PETER. I CAN FEEL IT. BUT YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS FIGHT UPON YOURSELF AND ALLOW JACKPOT AND *PAUL* TO RETREAT LIKE THE *HUMANS* THEY ARE.

DON'T *TELL ME* HOW I'M *THINKING.* *YOU'RE THE ONE* WHO KEEPS BRINGING UP MJ.

BECAUSE YOU *LOVED* HER! AND NOW SHE IS JUST YOUR *FRIEND FROM WORK!* THIS IS DISMAYING TO ME!

MJ MAKES *HER OWN* DECISIONS, BUDDY. IT'S OUR JOB TO LIVE WITH THEM.

SNATCH!

NOT WHEN YOU ARE FIGHTING *THE ARACHNIOTE!* THIS IS NOT SOME *TRAINING GROUND* FOR BATTLE CHILDREN!

TRUST ME, MJ DOESN'T NEED *TRAINING.* NOR IS SHE A *CHILD,* WHICH IS JUST A WEIRD--

ALL ARE CHILDREN COMPARED TO THE AGELESS ARACHNIOTE! IT IS NIGHTMARE MADE FORM!

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO *UNPACK METAPHOR* HERE!

THEN *LET ME IN,* PETER PARKER.

AND *TIME* WILL NO LONGER MATTER.

HRN.

DON'T MAKE ME REGRET THIS.

IN OUR LANGUAGE, THE ARACHNIOTE IS CALLED *ALL-HUNGER*, FOR IT CAN NEVER BE FILLED.

WITHIN THE KLYNTAR, ALL ARE ONE. IT IS CORE TO WHAT EVERY YOUNG SPAWN IS TAUGHT.

BUT ALL-HUNGER WAS BORN OF TWO SYMBIOTES WHO COMMITTED A HERESY...AND BONDED WITH EACH OTHER, WHILE STILL ATTEMPTING TO REMAIN THEMSELVES.

BY REJECTING ONENESS...THEY SEVERED THEIR CONNECTION TO THE HIVE, BECOMING THEIR OWN MAD COLLECTIVE. A HIVE WITHIN A HIVE, WITH EVERY CONSCIOUSNESS NOT ADDING TO THE WHOLE... BUT INTERRUPTING. DISCORDANT.

THE ARACHNIOTE IS OUR WARNING.

THE ARACHNIOTE IS LOVE.

THE ARACHNIOTE IS DEATH.

YOU'RE *AFRAID.*

ALL FEAR DEATH!

AH, VENNY. YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT UP FRONT.

IF YOU WANT TO BOND TO GET OVER YOUR JITTERS...

...TAKE IT FROM SOMEONE WHO IS AFRAID LITERALLY *ALL THE TIME:*

FEAR IS WHAT HEROES ARE MADE OF.

AND WE ARE HEROES.

DING DING DING

FROSTY FREEZE?!

FREQUENCY SLOWDOWN, IT'S CHILLING THE MOLECULES AROUND YOUR--

VERY COOL BUT NOT HELPFUL!

DING DING DING

INCREDIBLE! YOUR ENTIRE BODY IS MADE UP OF LOOSE ATOMS THAT CAN SLIDE RIGHT THOUGH--

--THE GROUND I'M STANDING ON?!

DING DING DING

DING

DID WE GET IT?!

VMM MMMM

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

TIME TO MAKE SOME NOISE!

THE PROBLEM WITH WOW

HRAGFK!

WOW.

C'MON, BUDDY. WE AIN'T DONE YET.

SHE REALLY IS... INCREDIBLE...

DON'T I KNOW IT.

THWIP

THWIP

SHE WAS YOURS.

WE WERE EACH OTHER'S.

AND NOW YOU *BURY* THAT LOVE, EVEN THOUGH IT GIVES YOU *LIFE.*

HUMANS. I WILL *NEVER* UNDERSTAND.

PAIN!

YOU GIVE US SUCH PAIN! NOW--

--WE RETURN IT!

YOU CAN'T FIGHT US! US ARE EVERYTHING! US WILL BE EVERYTHING!

YOU'RE RIGHT, V. HER POWERS-- THEY'RE NOT ENOUGH.

MJ, I'M GETTING CRITICAL READINGS ACROSS THE BOARD--

--YOU GOTTA GET OUT OF THERE!

NOT AN OPTION!

...I CAN'T! IT'S GOT ME!

BUT DON'T WORRY. I GOT A PLAN.

SPIDER-MAN! VENOM! THESE GAUNTLETS HAVE A LIMITER--IT HOLDS MY POWER BACK, KEEPS ME FROM DYING!

YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

WISH I DIDN'T.

TRUST ME!

ALWAYS.

PLIP

YOU RISK HER LIFE FOR POWER.

WHAT CAN I SAY, VENOM?

GUESS DANGER'S MY LOVE LANGUAGE.

PLIP

-ZZZT!

MARY JANE WATSON. WE ARE VEN--

WRONG ALREADY.

THIS IS MY SHOW.

YOU'RE JUST A STAGEHAND.

...MJ...THE POWER LEVELS ARE... OH GOD...

DING

DING

DING

JACKPOT.

KRAK

KRAAAD!!

WHAT IS THIS? WE ARE BURNING?!?!

PURE ANTIMATTER. DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I COULD TILL I DID.

ON YOUR SIGNAL?

THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK. NOW...

...PULL!

KRAK

BOOM. AND KINGSLEY'S THE LAST ONE! NO HOSTS, NO BIG SYMBIOTE MONSTER.

AND WITH NO TIME TO SPARE. VENOM'S GOTTA GET TO THE GARDEN, OR I'M PRETTY SURE THE ENTIRE PLANET IS SCREWED.

WELL. IF THAT'S THE CASE, I GOT THINGS HANDLED 'ROUND HERE.

...COULD YOU SAY IT? JUST, YOU KNOW, FOR LUCK?

YEAH, PETE. OF COURSE.

"GO GET 'EM, TIGER."

PETER.

I KNOW. YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HER. I CAN FEEL IT IN BETWEEN THE BEATS OF YOUR HEART.

SO, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW. I AM NOT AFRAID ANYMORE.

MAYBE YOU TOO CAN CONQUER YOUR PAIN.

GRAND GARDEN ARENA.

GROUND ZERO OF THE VENOM WAR.

IT'S OKAY, BUD. IT'S NOT PAIN. IT'S STRENGTH.

TRUST ME.

AS YOU SAID TO MARY JANE WATSON, PETER, I WILL SAY TO YOU.

ALWAYS.

BETRAYED ME... THAT MAN IN GRAY... WITH PROMISES OF SPIDER-MAN...

TELL IT TO THE JUDGE, HOBGOBLIN.

YOU KILLED PEOPLE TONIGHT. THAT'S NO ONE'S FAULT BUT *YOURS.*

HOW FITTING... AS WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN NOW IS NO ONE'S FAULT BUT YOURS.

YOU THINK POWER ALONE WOULD SCARE THE HORROR? THAT THING THAT EVEN THE SYMBIOTES FEAR?

YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT RUN WITH ALL THAT POWER.

YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT *AFRAID.*

YOU MADE IT *HUNGRY.*

NEXT:
WE ARE KINGS

VENOM WAR

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

VENOM WAR #2

VENOM #37

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NEXT

THE WICKED WEB-SLINGERS WANT YOUR *BRAINS*--
I MEAN, YOUR *LETTERS!* SEND YOUR NOTES TO
SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM. BE SURE
TO MARK THEM "OKAY TO PRINT"!

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VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN #3